

# the Gateway

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## News Briefs

### Quarterly awards

Congratulations to the Rhein-Main Community 2004 third quarter award winners.

Airman Category – **Airman 1st Class Brandon Cunningham**, 469th Air Base Group; NCO Category – **Tech. Sgt. Eric Cone**, 469th ABG; Senior NCO Category – **Master Sgt. Marino Duran III**, 726th Air Mobility Squadron; CGO Category – **1st Lt. Justin Fisher**, 726th AMS; Category I Civilian – **Sharon Johnson**, 469th ABG; Category II Civilian – **Lee Tapia**, 469th ABG.

### Turkey Day dinner

The 64th Replacement Company will once again sponsor its annual Thanksgiving Day meal Thursday at the company dining facility, located across the street from the Rhein-Main Passenger Terminal.

Soldiers, Airmen, family members and friends of Team Rhein-Main are invited to eat from 11:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. The cost is \$5.40 per person regardless of rank and \$4.50 for dependents of E-4s and below. Children five years and under eat for free. Meals include turkey and all the trimmings.

For more information, contact 1st Lt. Catherine Booth-Calero, 64th RC executive officer.

### Travel advisories

United States citizens are advised not to travel to the Netherlands during the Thanksgiving weekend.

Personnel are also advised to use caution when traveling to Greece.

To check for travel advisory updates, check [www.travel.state.gov](http://www.travel.state.gov).



Photo by Staff Sgt. Angela Malek

## Combat Wingman

*(From left to right) Staff Sgt. Maggie Horton, U.S. Air Forces in Europe Command Section NCO in charge, Gen. Robert H. "Doc" Foglesong, USAFE commander, his wife, Mary Foglesong, and Chief Master Sgt. Gary Coleman, USAFE command chief, fill out Combat Wingman cards during Wingman Day Nov. 8, pledging to look out for each other's welfare.*

## A very thankful Thanksgiving

**By Gen. Robert "Doc" Foglesong**  
Commander, U.S. Air Forces in Europe

As we approach the Thanksgiving holiday, I can't help but think how truly blessed we are. As we prepare to gather with friends and family this Thanksgiving Day, let me share with you the top four things I'm thankful for.

I'm thankful to be a citizen of our great nation. We have a great tradition of liberty and inclusiveness — the diverse contributions of all Americans have been the bedrock of our strength and resolve.



I'm thankful to be a member of our Armed Forces serving our country and defending our freedom. The brotherhood of arms is a noble profession, and the defense of our great liberties at home and the growth of these liberties abroad in locations such as Afghanistan and Iraq makes our service a vital and worthy cause.

I'm also thankful for these current times of challenge and change. Living in this dynamic period of time is like no other. The stress of our daily

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## USAFE Airman Information File

November 2004

### CSIP -- You're Making a Difference!

We arrived in USAFE 15 months ago and instituted Combat and Special Interest Programs within the command to help translate our vision, mission and goals into concrete results. We're proud of your accomplishments and mission success in implementing and sustaining our 15 Combat and Special Interest Programs.

Your efforts have made significant, tangible impacts for our Airmen across the command. Overall, we realized a 26% improvement across the 80 performance indicators we measure throughout USAFE. This percentage is more than a number -- it means we're better prepared, improving our processes and taking care of our people.

Let's highlight your accomplishments in a few of the individual programs. Our Combat Flightline program improved fleet fix rate by 20%. Combat Education increased the available number of classes and raised college enrollments by 11%. Combat Intro/Exit cut member processing stops by 75% in less than a year. Combat Fitness prepared us for our combat culture and boosted our fitness test scores by 18%. The Hidden Heroes program increased our volunteer opportunities by 32% and the number of volunteers by 46%. Customer College trained nearly 2,800 service providers to better meet the needs of our customers. Project Wizard energized our libraries with additional funding, elevated library visits by 23% and increased computer usage by 70%. These results showcase the labors of your hard work and reflect your commitment to excellence at every level.

We also want to spotlight Combat Wingman, our newest Combat and Special Interest Program. Combat Wingman emphasizes the time-honored commitment we ask all Airmen -- military and civilian -- to make: to be the guardian of each other's welfare. It reinforces what it means to be part of the Air Force family, specifically linking each of us with a Wingman that checks our six, on and off duty. This is not a single focus program to address one or two problem areas -- its focus is on all dimensions of our lives. It sustains Airmen during both steady-state and expeditionary operations no matter where we're stationed. As Combat Wingman takes off at your local base, remember that it's all about taking care of your fellow Airmen.

Your commitment and dedication to our Combat and Special Interest Programs has increased our readiness, improved mission effectiveness, strengthened our services and enhanced our quality of life. Keep the momentum rolling as we lead the way for the most respected, all-purpose expeditionary air and space force in the world!

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Doc Foglesong", written over a horizontal line.

General Doc Foglesong

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Gary Coleman", written over a horizontal line.

CMSgt Gary Coleman

*"Bring Your Courage"*

# USAFE, AF programs create more structure, less stress

By Chief Master Sgt. Gary Coleman  
USAFE Command Chief Master Sergeant

**RAMSTEIN AIR BASE, Germany (USAFENS)** – Force shaping, doing more with less, increased deployments – For many people in today's Air Force these words bring about feelings of stress and anxiety. But really, if you think about it, we are less stressed as a force than we have been in quite some time.

On an Air Force level, the creation of the Air Expeditionary Force provides us with a more predictable and stable work environment. Our support of Operations Iraqi and Enduring Freedom, combined with the various humanitarian missions we routinely perform, means our operations tempo has increased. However, the AEF rotational structure provides a way for us to know our deployment eligibility period. We can better plan, both at home and at work, for these changes. And planning is a key element in reducing stress.

The changes in the Air Force fitness standard may have been a painful transition for some of us, but it has also made us stronger. The standard ensures that we're a more fit expeditionary force. And, as we all know, being physically fit helps to reduce stress in our lives.

Closer to home, the Combat and Special Interest Programs instituted within U.S. Air Forces in Europe play a vital role in ensuring we are ready to fight and postured to respond anywhere in the world. But, they do more than that; they are programs to help us grow – spiritually, mentally, physically and emotionally.

These same four dimensions of wellness — our physical, emotional, social and spiritual anchors – enhance our resilience and prepare us to weather the storms and stressors of work and our lives in general.

Programs like Project CHEER, which creates an environment of enthusiasm for our single and

unaccompanied Airmen when they arguably need it most, offers them the opportunity to be involved in high-energy events throughout the year. This program is particularly valuable in the winter months when being separated from family can be stressful.

Another program, Combat Intro/Exit is designed to streamline and ease the process of base in- and out-processing. Through this program, as many as 15 inprocessing stops were eliminated at some bases; eliminating any additional stress factors that go along with the process. Stress is further relieved through the Virtual Inprocessing system by increasing the number of pre-arrival actions members can take and by providing more information earlier to inbound members.

And through Combat Care we've focused on easing the stress of our spouses and family members. This program is designed to improve the care, attention and information flow spouses and families receive while we're deployed. It's also designed to support military members who deploy here within our area of operations.

There's no doubt that our increased operations tempo has the potential to increase our stress levels. But, it's important to take a step back and look at the big picture. Whether talking about the Air Force or within USAFE, there's a myriad of programs in place to make our lives easier and more structured. And more structure means less stress.

USAFE's newest Combat Program, Combat Wingman, capitalizes on looking out for one another through the employment of a sacred contract that promotes a genuine concern for our fellow Airmen and their wellness. I ask that you embrace this program and incorporate it into your day-to-day life. But, also examine yourself and your life internally. Don't let the buzz word of the day guide your stress levels. We may be busier mentally, but we've also created a more structured and less stressed Air Force environment.



The Army and Air Force Exchange Service, in conjunction with U.S. Air Forces in Europe Services, will support a Project CHEER initiative by offering free movies at Air Force base theaters during the holidays.

The Rhein-Main base theater will show the animated movie, "The Incredibles", at 12:30 p.m. Thanksgiving Day, for free. Moviegoers will also receive a free medium popcorn and medium soda.

The movie is on a first-come, first-serve basis and open to the entire Rhein-Main community.

"The goal of this initiative is to get our Airmen out of the dorms on holidays and out doing something fun," said Mandy Smith-Nethercott, USAFE Services, Marketing and Entertainment chief.



## Take action

## Make a decision

"Decisiveness." This is the first word I learned about leadership.

As an airman basic I can remember sitting down with my buck sergeant supervisor for my first official feedback. At the time, I was very cautious and wanted to do the right thing. My supervisor filled out the whole form and then wrote one word at the bottom of the page and marked me down. As I scanned the page and read though it my eyes fell to the bottom of the page and the handwritten word "Decisiveness".

At the time, I could barely pronounce the word, let alone know what it meant.

My supervisor looked me in the eye and said, "Jeffrey, you've got what it takes to be a good troop, but don't be afraid to make a decision and don't always try and please everyone."

He went on to say making decisions and taking action is what leadership is all about. Whether the outcome is good or bad, something has happened and usually you and others have learned from it.

This concept was all I needed, and I've never failed to act or make a decision when faced with routine and emergency situations since.

Throughout my career I've noticed that decisiveness is not an easy thing

for many in today's Air Force. I hear people say, "we need more information", "we need to staff it a few more times", "I don't have the authority to make that decision", or "let's have one more meeting to discuss it".

Retired General Colin Powell once wrote "Use the formula  $P = 40$  to  $70$ , in which  $P$  stands for the probability of success and the numbers indicate the percentage of information acquired. Once the information is in the  $40$  to  $70$  percent probability of success range, go with your gut."

General Powell's advice is don't take action if you only have enough information to give you less than a  $40$  percent chance of being right, but don't wait until you have enough facts to be  $100$  percent sure, because by

then it is almost always too late.

Too many times over the last  $15$  years I have seen this come true and personnel have suffered and many great opportunities have been missed.

Taking action and making decisions is what leadership is all about. The more you practice with little things, the better you will become at making the big decisions and acting decisively

— See *Decision*, Page 5



**By 1st Lt.  
Jeffrey Adams**  
469th Air Base Group  
Security Forces Flight  
commander

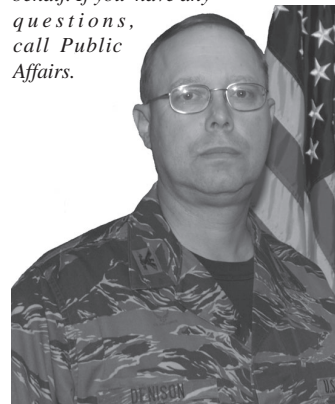
The Action Line is one way for me to keep my finger on the pulse of the Rhein-Main community and is used as an avenue for communication.

The main objective of the Commander's Action Line is finding solutions to problems or providing explanations for processes.

If you experience problems at Rhein-Main, you should always try to resolve problems at the lowest level by contacting the unit or agency managers. In almost every case, your chain of command is the best solution. I strongly encourage everyone to use that route first. When normal channels haven't been able to resolve your issues, feel free to send an e-mail to [Hotline@rheinmain.af.mil](mailto:Hotline@rheinmain.af.mil) or call 330-7779. Please include your name and contact information along with your concern.

Action Lines are forwarded to the appropriate agency for action and response. They should contact you within 24 hours. Once an Action Line is started, the agency must provide a complete answer to me within 10 days.

The 469th Air Base Group Public Affairs Office is responsible for managing the Action Line program on my behalf. If you have any questions, call Public Affairs.



**Col. Bradley Denison**  
Commander, 469th Air Base Group

**330-7779**

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4 p.m. Nov. 24.*

## Warriors of the Week



**Capt. John Crowe**

**Unit:** 469th Air Base Group Clinic

**Time in Air Force:** 3 and a half years

**Time at Rhein-Main:** 4 months

**Duty Title:** Family practice physician

**Hometown:** Bettendorf, Iowa

**Hobbies:** Backpacking, mountain biking and spending time with family.

**What has been your best Air Force experience?**  
Being a Wings of Blue performer at the Air Force Academy.

## 469th Air Base Group Clinic



**Staff Sgt. Audrea Roach**

**Unit:** 469th Air Base Group Clinic

**Time in Air Force:** 6 years

**Time at Rhein-Main:** 10 months

**Duty Title:** NCO in charge of dental operations

**Hometown:** Chattanooga, Tenn.

**Hobbies:** Running, working out and spending time with her daughters.

**What has been your best Air Force experience?**  
Being able to travel while assigned in Germany.

## DECISION, from Page 4

when time is essential.

We must advocate learning how to assess the risk of making a decision and the possible outcomes that come with the decision.

A friend and mentor of mine once told me, "You can always say yes to a customer, teammate or operation, but only I can say no." His thought process was if a decision was made in good faith and in the best interest of the people and mission, he could always fix it if it was the wrong decision.

He also wanted to advocate empowerment, action and decisiveness in the work place. He wanted to create confident, prepared and tested leaders.

I'm not advocating recklessness, but I have witnessed the positive effects of being decisive.

People will follow, support and

positively react to a decisive leader. Decisive leaders are respected much more for taking action, not for being indecisive and noncommittal, even if they make a mistake now and then.

With today's contingency operations, greater tasks, and less personnel, we must encourage and reward Air Force personnel for stepping out and making decisions at the lowest level. When they make a small mistake, as long as it was in good faith and they learn from it, we should continue to mentor and groom them for greater challenges.

This is the kind of leadership we need today. This is the type of force Rhein-Main needs going into closure and most of all, this is what the Air Force needs to continue to be the greatest Air Force in the world.



## THANKFUL, from Page 1

efforts is undeniable, but rest assured that your efforts are making this world a better place.

I'm especially thankful to serve with such an awesome team of warriors as the men and women of USAF.

You bring your courage, dedication and commitment to the fight each and every day no matter where you're stationed. You are what make us the most respected and feared air and space force in the world!

Wherever you are this Thanksgiving holiday, take a few moments to reflect on how thankful you are — together we have much to look forward to and much to celebrate.

*A puck is a hard rubber disc that hockey players strike when they can't hit one another.*

~Jimmy Cannon

*Ice hockey is a form of disorderly conduct in which the score is kept.*

~Doug Larson

*Half the game is mental; the other half is being mental.*

~Jim McKenny

*Hockey is murder on ice.*

~Jim Murray

*I went to a fight the other night and a hockey game broke out.*

~Rodney Dangerfield



*(Above) Darmstadt Yetis goalie Holger Draut makes a stick save in action Saturday vs. the Bitburg Bears.*



## Sergeant crosses the blue-line

**By Airman 1st Class Eric Donner**  
Public Affairs

*"If you're going to touch the puck expect to get hit and don't whine about it."* This is hockey according to Michael Chin, a power forward for the Darmstadt Yetis, a local German amateur hockey team.

"I've been playing hockey since before I could walk," said Chin, a chaplain assistant at the Rhein-Main Base Chapel. "I played a lot of pond hockey growing up. That's where I got my toughness, because all the older kids kicked the crap out of me."

"But, they also taught me something – the fundamentals of

the game," he added.

While he played many different sports growing up, hockey was the one he never got bored of. It's not only his favorite sport to play, but also to watch. His favorite team is the Boston Bruins.

Hockey became bigger than just a sport for Chin while managing a hockey rink in Florida. It's where he met his wife Kori. The couple has two children – daughter Morgan and son Michael.

Chin hopes 1-year-old Mikie, the first of a six-member future Chin hockey team, will love hockey and the Boston Bruins as much as he does. Mikie has a head start, as Chin has decorated his room in team logos and hockey equipment.

"I don't want to coach him and be a forceful dad, but I'll show him some cool moves and help him better his skills," he said.

Chin's seven year Air Force career has given him the opportunity to play in five different countries; Germany, United States, Czech Republic, Japan and China. While stationed at Kadena Air Base, Japan, he played in a commercially-sponsored tournament in Hong Kong against teams from Canada, Saudi Arabia, Taiwan, Thailand and Cathay Pacific Airlines.

His team of Marines and Airmen – together with Japanese nationals – made it to the championship game but lost by a goal in overtime.

"It was one of the coolest tournaments I have had a chance to pl

*Michael Chin before he co*







*(Left, middle) Similar to a jump ball in basketball, the face off is used to restart play after a stoppage in play. (Left) Michael Chin keeps a close watch on the action as he waits for a line change. Because of the tremendous amount of energy used, hockey players typically spend three or four minutes on the ice at a time before taking a break.*

a in, even though we took second," said Chin. "My dad was born in China and raised in Hong Kong. It gave me a chance to see where he grew up."

His current team, The Yetis, played in their first tournament of the season Saturday and Sunday in Eschweiler.

They were soundly defeated, 9-0, by Aviano Air Base, Italy, in their first game. The going got even rougher against the RAF-Lakenheath Warbirds, 10-2, and SHAPE Avalanche, 7-2, before coming to a bitter end with a 7-3 loss to the Bitburg Bears. The Yetis faced the top-seeded team of the



*(Above) Yetis defenseman Frank Chachaj (black jersey) digs the puck out of the corner during Darmstadt's 7-3 loss to Bitburg.*

this weekend but it was one of the best tournaments I've played in. Just to have the opportunity to be around other die-hard, old-time hockey fans," he said. "They're a fun bunch of players, who just enjoy playing – and it proves that hockey is everywhere!"

The Yetis next game is 11 a.m. Saturday against the Bitburg Bears.

**Photos by Tech. Sgt.  
Matt Summers &  
Airman 1st Class  
Eric Donner**



*Chin played hockey  
could walk.*

tournament – the Amberg Ice Flyers – in their first game Sunday.

"We came out charging and scored the first goal," said Chin. It wasn't enough, as the Yetis lost 7-2.

"We may have lost all the games

## DFAC

## Serving it up homestyle

Story and photo by Airman 1st Class Eric Donner  
Public Affairs

The cooks and Soldiers of the 64th Replacement Company Dining Facility are among the 'unsung heroes' of Team Rhein-Main.

Working seven days a week, including holidays, the staff served more than 275,000 meals in fiscal year 2004.

Customers include Soldiers, Sailors, Airmen and Marines living in the Rhein-Main area and those transiting the base. Unlike most Air Force dining facilities, the Army's DFAC also serves dependents, local nationals and any Department of Defense ID cardholder.

Good food at good prices has created many loyal customers.

"The food is good for the price," said Tech. Sgt. Shay Jackson, 469th Air Base Group legal office. "For \$3.30 you can get a whole meal instead of one slice of pizza."

Prices range from \$1.70 for breakfast to \$3.30 for lunch or dinner. The DFAC staff, including active-duty and Reserve Army personnel and civilians, offers the choice of several entrees and side items or a short-order line of burgers, hot dogs, grilled sandwiches and fries.

The DFAC also offers 'themed-meals' including American, Italian, Soul food and the ever-popular Surf n Turf on Fridays, which can include lobster tail, crab legs and steak.

"We try and include a special theme day or week of meals to expose servicemembers to different cultural foods," said 1st Lt. Catherine Booth-Calero, 64th RC executive officer.

The 64th RC and its sister unit, the 464th Reserve Replacement Company, make-up the military component of the staff. Both military and civilian cooks are graduates of culinary schools.

The staff even has the health conscious Soldier in mind when it comes to meal preparation. Breakfast, lunch and dinner meals include a low-calorie offering with a sample meal, a dieter's plate, on display with calories pre-counted for customers.



**Sgt. Thomas Martin, 464th Reserve Replacement Company food service specialist, is one of more than 30 members of the 64th Replacement Company Dining Facility staff that serves more than 300 people each day at Rhein-Main.**

Taking pride in their work is important to many of the staff members and Sgt. Shufreda Hayden, 64th RC food service specialist, is no different.

"One of the best motivators is when a customer who has eaten at the dining facility asks who prepared a meal and shakes their hand telling them it was a good meal," she said.

### Dining facility lineup

The 64th Replacement Company Dining Facility offers a rotating theme menu. The menu is:

- Mondays – American
- Tuesdays – Italian

- Wednesdays – Asian Pacific
  - Thursdays – Soul Food
  - Fridays – Surf 'n Turf
- Breakfast is \$1.70 and served from 7 - 8:30 a.m. daily except Thursdays when

the hours are 6:30 - 8 a.m.

Lunch is \$3.30 and served from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Dinner is \$3.30 and served from 4:30 p.m. to 6 p.m.





## Around Rhein-Main

### Court result

Airman 1st Class Terrell Adams, 469th Air Base Group, was convicted of wrongful possession of a controlled substance, robbery, extortion and assault under the Uniform Code of Military Justice during a general court-martial held Aug. 31, 2004 at Rhein-Main Air Base.

The court sentenced Airman Adams to 22 months confinement, reduction in rank to E-1, and a bad conduct discharge.

### Holiday hours

The commissary will be closed Tuesday and Thanksgiving Day.

### Scholarships

The Defense Commissary Agency is accepting scholarship applications for the Scholarships for Military Children program, which will award at least one \$1,500 scholarship per commissary location with qualified applicants.

The program, administered by the Fisher House Foundation and funded by the manufacturers and industry supporting commissaries, has awarded over \$3 million through nearly 2,000 scholarships to the sons and daughters of active duty, Guard and Reserve members, and military retirees.

Applications for the 2005 program are available at the base commissary, according to store director Linda Foreback. Applications are also available online at [www.militaryscholar.org](http://www.militaryscholar.org) and a link to the program will be on [www.commissaries.com](http://www.commissaries.com), the DeCA Web site.

Applications, which must include an

essay on how the heightened awareness of terrorism has impacted the student's life, are due back at the commissary by close of business Feb. 16.

The scholarship program is open to unmarried children under the age of 21 (23 if enrolled in school) of active duty personnel, Reserve, Guard and retired military.

Applicants must be planning to attend, or already attending, an accredited college or university full-time in the fall term of 2005, or enrolled in a program of studies designed to transfer directly into a four-year program.

### School survey

The Department of Defense Education Activity launched its 2004 Customer Satisfaction Survey Nov. 1 providing 4th to 12th grade DoDEA students, the parents/sponsors of all DoDEA students, and DoDEA teachers the opportunity to give feedback regarding their views on the DoDEA schools, programs and activities.

The survey is scheduled to remain online until Feb. 28, during which time all eligible parties are encouraged to participate. The findings of the survey will be given consideration in all future efforts to improve upon the educational experience that DoDDS schools provide.

The survey is completely anonymous and can be completed online by logging onto the DoDEA Web site at [www.DoDEA.edu](http://www.DoDEA.edu) and clicking on the Customer Satisfaction Survey link. Any eligible party who does not have access to the online survey may complete a print version of the survey available at any



### Closure Corner

This section is devoted to giving the Rhein-Main Community the most up-to-date information concerning base closure issues. All dates presented in this section are subject to change based on: manpower figures, personnel assignment information and ongoing U.S. Air Forces in Europe coordination.

### Closure dates

Following is a list of closure dates for 469th Air Base Group Services Flight facilities. Keep in mind these dates may change based on mission needs:

- Auto Skills – Dec. 1, 2004
- Rocket Bowling Center – April 29, 2005
- Library – June 30, 2005
- Community Connection – June 30, 2005
- Youth Center – June 30, 2005
- Fitness Center – June 30, 2005
- Rocket Sports Lounge – Aug. 31, 2005
- Child Development Center – Aug. 31, 2005
- Liberty Café – Sept. 30, 2005
- Flight Kitchen – Oct. 1, 2005

DoDEA school. The survey should take between 10 and 20 minutes to complete.

The findings of the survey, including the participation rates of all eligible groups, will be published in spring 2005.

Anyone wishing to review the results of the previous DoDEA Customer Satisfaction Survey, conducted during school year 2002-03, will find a link to a report of those findings on the DoDEA home page.

## DUI/DWI Tracker

### Days without DUIs (As of Tuesday)

#### 469th Air Base Group

16 days

#### 726th Air Mobility Squadron

293 days

#### 64th Replacement Company

184 days

#### Tenant Units

149 days

#### Others

111 days

The 469th ABG Top IV provides a

fund at the main gate for permanent party personnel who take a taxi back to the base instead of driving while intoxicated.

The money used must be reimbursed the next duty day.





Courtesy photo

## Undefeated champs

*The Rhein-Main Wildcats Bantam (10-12 year olds) Flag Football Team defeated Giessen 7-0 Nov. 6 to cap a perfect 9-0 season and garner the 104th Area Support Group crown. Quarterback Terrance Garner hit David Wells for a 60-yard touchdown strike just before the end of the first half to give Rhein-Main the lead. Kevin Oatis recorded five sacks on defense and Marc Gohl intercepted a Giessen pass with three minutes remaining to seal the win. Members of the winning team are: (Front row from left) Nicholas Dean, Jeremy Wright, Mason Bidell and Haldane Bastion. (Second row) Trevor Gohl, Marc Gohl, Terrance Garner, Andre Odum, Eddie Benton and Rohan Snyder. (Third row) R.J. Speigner, Tyler Fulton, David Wells, Andre Dean, Alex Villarreal, Anthony Jackson and Karsten Klink. (Back row) Coach Andre Dean, Travis McKinney and Robert Speigner. Not pictured are Kevin Oatis and Xavier Smith.*

## Sports briefs

### Youth soccer

The Rhein-Main Red Socks junior soccer team, composed of 13-15-year-olds, defeated Wiesbaden III 7-1 in the first round of the 104th Area Support Group tournament Nov. 6 in Giessen. The Red Socks lost 1-0 to Wiesbaden II in the second round.

The Rhein-Main bantam soccer team lost 3-1 to Wiesbaden in the 221st Base

Support Battalion tournament Nov. 6. in Hanau.

### Turkey trot

The base fitness center sponsors a 5K Turkey Trot Fun Run at 3:30 p.m. Monday at the fitness center.

### Basketball registration

The youth center will conduct youth basketball registration thru Dec. 15 for ages 5 - 15.

Call 330-7125 for more information.

### Intramural b-ball

At press time the 469th Air Base Group and 469th ABG Security Forces Flight were set to battle it out in the championship of the Rhein-Main intramural pre-season basketball tournament.

The 469th ABG made to the finale with a 3-0 record. The run included a 50-34 win over the 64th Replacement Company, a 37-33 win over the 469th Civil Engineer Flight and a 40-28 win over Security Forces. The Cops head into the championship with a 3-1 record.

## German culture

The family support center sponsors the fourth of six German culture classes from 7 - 9 p.m. Tuesday at Our House in Bldg. 627B-2.

The series includes history, politics, transportation and more.

Call 330-7992 for more information.

## Lunch and learn

The FSC sponsors a Lunch and Learn German language class from noon to 1 p.m. Wednesday at the FSC classroom in Bldg. 347.

## Spa trip

The FSC sponsors a free trip to a spa in Bad Homburg Nov. 29.

The carpool leaves the shoppette at 5:30 p.m. for the 20-minute drive. The FSC covers the cost of the four-hour spa visit for a limited number of participants.

Call 330-7992 for more details.

## Rocket bowling

The Rocket Bowling Center offers Colorama Bowling at 7 p.m. Saturday.

From 4 - 10 p.m. each Thursday, all single, unaccompanied and transient troops can bowl for free by showing their dorm or hotel keys.

## Chapel Worship

The following worship opportunities are offered by the Rhein-Main Chapel:

### ■ Catholic worship:

Sunday Mass - 9 a.m. every Sunday.

Chapel fellowship - 10 a.m.

CCD - 10:30 a.m.

### ■ Protestant worship:

Sunday School - 9 a.m.

Chapel fellowship - 10 a.m.  
Worship and Kids Own Church take place every Sunday at 10:30 a.m.



The center is open from 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. Mondays - Thursdays; 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. Fridays; 9 a.m. to 11 p.m. Saturdays and noon to 10 p.m. Sundays.

Call 330-7219 for more information.

## Jazz exhibit

"The Frankfurt Sound - A Time Travel in Jazz," is an audiovisual exhibit celebrating Frankfurt as the "Capitol of Jazz" in Germany. The exhibit runs through Nov. 28 in the Karmeliterkloster at Münzgasse 9 near the Römer.

Previously unreleased photos and recordings and video compilations create what organizers claim is a "Time Travel in Jazz."

## USO trip

The USO offers a pottery and crystal shopping trip to Poland and the Czech Republic Dec. 3 - 5.

Cost is \$199 for adults and \$189 for children three to 12 years old and includes transportation by motor coach, one overnight with breakfast in a three-star hotel and some sightseeing with a tour guide.

Sign-up deadline is Tuesday. Call 330-6424 for more information.

## Auto skills

The auto skills center is open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesdays, Fridays and Saturdays.

The center will close permanently Dec. 1. Call 330-7467 for details.

## Mailing deadlines

U.S. Air Forces in Europe Air Postal Squadron officials recently announced the dates to mail packages to ensure they reach the United States in time for the holidays.

To ensure a Christmas delivery, mail packages and letters no later than the following dates:

- Space Available Mail Parcels
- Priority Parcels - Dec. 11
- First Class Letters - Dec. 11
- Express Mail - Dec. 20

For more information on mailing guidelines, contact the Rhein-Main post office at 330-6384.

## Movies at Rhein-Main

**Tonight** - "Cellular," (PG-13), 7 p.m.

**Saturday** - "Napoleon Dynamite," (PG), 5 p.m. and "Friday Night Lights," (PG-13), 7:30 p.m.

**Sunday** - "Paparazzi," (PG-13), 7 p.m.

**Wednesday** - "The Incredibles," (PG), 7 p.m.

**Nov. 25** - "The Incredibles," (PG), 12:30 p.m.

**Nov. 26** - "Sky Captain and the World of Tomorrow," (PG), 7 p.m.

**Nov. 27** - "Surviving Christmas," (PG-13), 5 p.m., and "Hero," (PG-13), 7:30 p.m.

**Nov. 28** - "Wimbledon," (PG-13), 7 p.m.

**Nov. 30** - "The Polar Express," (G), 7 p.m.

**Dec. 1** - "The Polar Express," (G), 7 p.m.

Movies and times are subject to change.

Movie schedules for local communities can be found at

[www.aafes.com/ems/default.asp](http://www.aafes.com/ems/default.asp)

## For sale

1990 BMW 525, 4-dr., gray interior/exterior, 250Km - \$2,500 OBO; mini-fridge(like new) - \$100; 21" TV (like new) - \$100; microwave (like new) - \$50. Contact Lou or Dasha at 0174-436-6508.

## Holiday hours

The base post office finance and parcel pick-up window will be open from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Nov. 27 and Dec. 4, 11 and 18.

## Holiday celebration

The Team Rhein-Main Holiday Parade and Tree Lighting Ceremony is set to begin at 4:30 p.m. Dec. 1.

The parade begins at the front gate and travels down Ellis Road, ending at the Community Bank parking lot.

The tree lighting will began at approximately 5:15 p.m.

The winners of the Christmas card competition will also be announced.





Photos by Marco Leipold



(Left) Frankfurt Lions forward Dwayne Norris puts a hit on Rob Shearer of EHC Eisbären Berlin during a recent Bundesliga game. (Above) Frankfurt goalie Ian Gordon is a native of North Battleford, Saskatchewan, Canada.

## Lions – king of German hockey



## Day Trippin'

**By Tech. Sgt. Matt Summers**  
Public Affairs

Nearly every hockey fan has heard the joke, "I went to a fight the other night and a hockey game broke out."

The combination of speed and controlled violence is what draws many people to the fastest team sport in the world.

While professional hockey players and team owners in North America sit out the current season arguing over how many millions of dollars they make, the rest of the hockey world is skating at full speed.

The Frankfurt Lions of the German Elite Hockey League are no exception. The defending German champions are 17 games into their season and currently stand in sixth place in the 14-team league.

The current roster includes 11 Germans, eight Canadians, one Swede and one American.

Five players have experience in the National Hockey League and 10 have international experience with the national teams of Canada, Germany and Sweden.

American Peter Ratchuk played for the Florida Panthers in 1998-99 and again in 2000-01.

The Lions leading scorer is forward Patrick Lebeau who has 11 goals and 20 assists. Fellow Canadian Dwayne Norris has eight goals and 10 assists.

Frankfurt plays its home games in the Eissporthalle on the east side of the city. The next two home games are at 7:30 p.m. tonight vs. Grizzly Adams Wolfsburg and 7:30 p.m. Nov. 26 vs. ERC Ingolstadt.

With the NHL season scrapped, more than 250 players have travelled to Europe – and several to Germany – to keep their skills sharp.

Mike Green, who played for Florida and the New York Rangers last season, is one of those players. He plays for the Nürnberg Ice Tigers, who defeated Frankfurt 4-2 Oct. 24.

"Playing in Europe will help keep your game sharp," said Green in an interview on the NHL Players' Association Web site. "They also place more emphasis on skating and puck skills so it's an opportunity to work on your individual skills."

## If you go...



The Frankfurt Eissporthalle is located on the east side of the city. From the base, take A-3 toward Würzburg. At the Offenbacher Kreuz exit onto A661 headed towards Oberursel/Bad Homburg. Take the Frankfurt Ost exit. The entrance to the parking lot for the Eissporthalle is shortly after the Aral gas station. Driving time is approximately 20 minutes.



The Lions play home games at 7:30 p.m. Tuesdays and Fridays, 8 p.m. Saturdays and 2:30 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. Sundays.



Ticket prices at the Eissporthalle vary from 14 to 38 Euros for adults and 11 to 19 Euros for students, seniors and children under 17. The Lions' ticket hotline is 069-1340-400 and is open from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. weekdays.



For more information log onto [www.frankfurt-lions.de](http://www.frankfurt-lions.de).